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| a. 🖸 | (sent to the applicant and | l to the International Bureau) | a total of 31 | sheets, as follows: | | |
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| | Box No. IV Lack of uni | ity of invention | | | | |
| | Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | | | | | |
| Box No. VI Certain documents cited | | | | | | |
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| 1. | | n regard to the language, this report is based on the internationated under this item. | nal application in the language in which it | was filed, unless otherwise | |
| | This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of: international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)) publication of the international application (Rule 12.4) international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3) | | | | |
| 2. | recei | n regard to the elements of the international application, this iving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 ar report): the international application as originally filed/furnished the description: | | | |
| | | pages <u>1-61</u> | | as originally filed/furnished | |
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| | K-7 | pages* | received by this Authority on | | |
| | M | the claims: | | | |
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| | M | the drawings: | | | |
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| Box | | ent under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; lanations supporting such statement | |
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| 1. | Statement | | |
| | Novelty (N) | Claims 1-6, 8-54, 56-96 | YES |
| | | Claims | NO NO |
| | Inventive step (IS) | Claims 1-6, 8-54, 56-96 | YES |
| | | Claims | |
| | Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims 1-6, 8-54, 56-96 | YES |
| | | Claims | |
| 2. | Citations and explanations (Rule | 270.7) | |
| _ | • | 2002/057192 A1 (Mitsuboshi Diamond Ind. | |
| | | o., Ltd.), 25 July 2002, claims; page 21, | |
| | | ne 15 to page 23, line 14; fig. 19 to 21 | |
| | | 60-112634 A (Bando Kiko Co., Ltd.), 19 | |
| | | nne 1985, claims; page 2, lower right | |
| | | plumn, line 7 to page 3, upper left column, | |
| | | ne 10, fig. 3 to 5 | |
| | | 52-76317 A (Nippon Sheet Glass Co., Ltd.), | |
| | | June 1977, claims; page 2, lower left | |
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| | co | olumn, line 14; fig. 1 to 3 | |
| | Document 4: JP | 2000-63137 A (Toyota Motor Corporation), | |
| | 29 | February 2000, claims; paragraphs [0012] | |
| | to | o [0027]; fig. 1 to 4 | |
| | Document 5: JP | 11-116260 A (Mitsuboshi Diamond Ind. Co., | |
| | Lt | .d.), 27 April 1999, paragraphs [0015], | |
| | 0] | 0016], [0045] and [0046]; fig. 4 and 20 | |
| | | | |
| | The invent | tions set forth in claims 1 to 6, 8 to 54 | |
| | and 56 to 96 a | re not disclosed in any of the documents | |
| | cited in the in | nternational search report, and would not | |

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be obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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device, wherein a pressing means comprising a roller is moved along a scribe line, but a feature wherein a groove is formed in said pressing means to ensure that the pressing means does not come into direct contact with the scribe line, is neither disclosed nor suggested in any of the documents, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;

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| Box | No. VI | Certain documents cit | ted | | | | |
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| 1. | Certain pul | olished documents (Rule 70 | 0.10) | | - | | |
| | | Application No. Patent No. | | Publication date (day/month/year) | Filing d (day/month | ate /year) | Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year) |
| | JР | 2003-286044 | A | 07.10.2003 | 27.03. | 2002 | |
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| 2. | Non-writte | n disclosures (Rule 70.9) | | | | | |
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Claims 4-6, 9-12, 14, 16, 18-28, 30, 39-43, 45, 47, 52-54, 57-60, 62, 64, 66-76, 78, 87-91, 93, 95 as originally filed/furnished

Claims 1-3, 8, 13, 15, 17, 29, 31-38, 44, 46, 48-51, 56, 61, 63, 65, 77, 79-86, 92, 94 and 96 as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19